

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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AUGMENTATION OF FLEET IN INDIAN AIRLINES

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

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- (a) Whether the first A-319 Aircraft has been included in the passenger aircraft fleet of the Indian Airlines;
- (b) If so, the cost and salient features thereof ;
- (c) The details of the air fleet augmentation plan of the Indian Airlines and the aircraft identified and the suppliers identified therefor; and
- (d) The steps so far taken for procurement thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : The A-319 aircraft is a 122-seater aircraft with 8 seats in Business(J) Class and 114 seats in Economy (Y) Class. It is fitted with two CFM engines with each engine having a thrust rating of 23,500 pounds. The aircraft is of latest design with fly by wire technology and is capable of ILS category III-B operation. The cost of the aircraft is about Rs.190 crores.

(c) and (d): In February,2006, Indian Airlines had placed an order with Airbus Industrie for 43 Airbus aircraft - 19 A-319, 4 A-320 and 20 A-321. One A-319 aircraft has already been delivered on 19.10.2006. The delivery schedule of the remaining aircraft is spread over the period June, 2007 to March, 2010. Besides, Indian Airlines have also plans for dry lease of 5 A-320 aircraft during January,2007-April,2007 and 2 wide-bodied A-330-300 aircraft during June, 2007 and November, 2007.